

D.T.E. 03-126

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company for approval of its rate reconciliation and adjustment filing, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a), 220 C.M.R. § 11.03 (4)(e), D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-25, and D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-94.

On December 1, 2003, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (together, “MECo” or “Company”) filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) a rate reconciliation and adjustment filing (“Reconciliation Filing”) with proposed transition charges pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4)(e). MECo proposed effective January 1, 2004: (1) an average transition charge of \$0.00779 per kilowatthour (“KWH”); (2) an average transmission service charge of \$0.00587 per KWH; (3) a default service adjustment factor credit of negative \$0.00002 per KWH; (4) a standard offer base rate of \$0.05100 (which is in addition to the base standard offer service fuel adjustment of \$0.01223 for a total of \$0.06323); (5) a standard offer service adjustment factor of \$0.00479 per KWH; (6) a demand-side management charge of \$0.00250 per KWH; and (7) a renewables charge of \$0.00050 per KWH. On December 29, 2003, the Department approved the Company’s Reconciliation Filing subject to further investigation. Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 03-126, at 3-4 (2003).

The Department will hold a public hearing on January 28, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., to receive comments on the Company’s petition, at the Department’s offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on January 27, 2004. The Department will conduct a procedural conference immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of

business (5:00 p.m.) on January 26, 2004. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

An original and three (3) copies of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy - One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business on the dates noted above. One copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene should also be sent to the Company's attorney, Amy G. Rabinowitz, Esq., Massachusetts Electric Company, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts, 01582-0099.

All written pleadings or comments also must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and John.Geary@state.ma.us, or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 03-126), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Corel Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All written pleadings or comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the Company's petition is available for inspection at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Copies are also on file for public viewing at the offices of the Company, 25 Research Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Amy Rabinowitz, Esq., Massachusetts Electric Company at (508) 389-2975. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact John J. Geary, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy at (617) 305-3500.

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Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (together, “MECo” or “Company”) shall, no later than January 14, 2004, publish this notice in either the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald, serve a copy of the notice on the service lists for Massachusetts Electric Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-25 (1996), Massachusetts Electric Company, D.T.E. 02-79 (2003), and to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company. MECo is required to make return of service at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary